[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

5 S. Ponnumoni Nadar
6 C. Ponnuswamy Nadar
7 K. Masanamuthu Nadar
8 T. A. Padmabhai
9 K. Rajamoni Nadar
10 K. Chellappan
11 N. Nallathampi
12 K. Gnanamuthu Nadar
13 A. Natarajan
14 C. Kolappan
15 S. Swami Nadar
16 S. Thankian
17 C. Ratnaswamy
18 S. Chelliah

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1 T. Chinnakkon Nadar.

Communal Holidays.

31. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*); Will the Government be pleased to state whether, they have received any representation from the Travancore Advocates Association requesting Government to abolish communal holidays?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether Government propose to take any action on the same?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Government are proposing to constitute a small committee comprised of representatives of both the Houses of Legislature to consider the question of holidays with particular reference to communal and partial holidays.

MR. P. S. MUHAMMED കമ്മ്യൂണൽ ഹാളിഡേസ് എന്നു പറയുന്നതു സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഹാളിഡേസ് ആണോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: പണ്ട് മുസ്ലിം, ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ ഈ സമുദായങ്ങൾക്കായി പ്രത്യേകം കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഒഴിവു ദിവസമാണ്.

PRESIDENT: Order. Order. It has been really on account of the lack of interest evinced by the honourable members of the two Houses that this matter has not been settled before. The Government's idea has been and will be to have as few sectional and communal holidays as possible because such communal and sectional holidays have often served to dislocate business very badly. For instance, during a Hindu holiday, in some offices, a large number of officers and subordinates are unable to be present, with the result that the general business suffers. In other localities the same will be the case during a Christian holiday. Therefore, it is considered advisable by Government to

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have very very few sectional holidays but to have a large and representative category of public holidays. As a matter of fact I have been waiting after the decision of Government on communal holidays was announced to hear the views of this House in this matter. But this House has not taken the initiative and I am going to ask this House to select 4 members to consider the question along with 3 members from the other House, and one or two officials. They will deliberate during the next few days and finish the matter so that orders may soon be issued.

The Transport Department.

32. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended to Government that the Transport Department should be made permanent from 1st Chingom 1117; and

(*b*) what action was taken by them in the matter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Yarn imported into Travancore.

33. *MR P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of yarn imported into this country during 1115; and

(*b*) the quantity of yarn imported during 1116?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Yarn Supplies*):

(*a*) 28,21,458 lbs.

(*b*) 25,50,352 lbs.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know, with reference to part (b) of the answer, why the quantity of yarn imported during 1116 was less than in 1115?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I have no information, Sir.

Supply of cotton yarn to weavers.

34. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations complaining about the insufficiency of the quantity of cotton yarn available to hand-loom weavers: and

(*b*) what, if any, action has been taken on the complaints referred to in part (a)?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary arrangements have been made to ensure an adequate supply of cotton yarn to hand-loom weavers.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know, with reference to part (b) of the answer, what are the arrangements that were made?

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